Regional Security Education Program

An Education Program for Deploying Carrier and Expeditionary Strike Groups by the Naval Postgraduate School

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What is RSEP? It is . . .

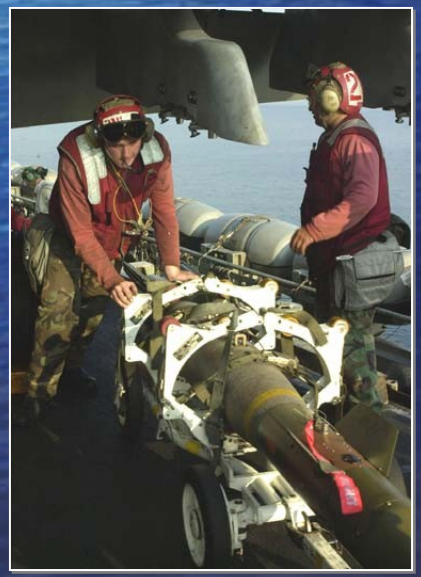
- A distributed-learning program focused on security issues
  - Lectures and seminars taught by NPS National Security Affairs Department professors
  - Web-based support and NPS Bulletin Board
- A direct response to CNO's request for new initiatives to prepare deploying forces for regional security missions and threats
  - Outcome of USS Cole investigation

Mission, Focus & Objectives

- **Mission**: Provide tailored, graduate-level education on regional security issues
- **Strategic Focus**: Carrier and Expeditionary Strike Group Readiness and Mission Accomplishment
- **Education Objectives**: Improve knowledge and understanding of regional histories, **cultures** and politics

. . . to achieve U.S. National Security Objectives via ***Security Cooperation***

ADDITIONAL RSEP OBJECTIVES



- **Integrate NPS and faculty with Fleet**
  - **Professors take lessons learned back to their classrooms**
- **Generate interest in PME, Graduate Education and Distributed Learning**
  - ***Individual Counseling on PME***
- **Create demand for regional knowledge from the Fleet**
  - ***www.ccc.nps.edu***
  - **SIPRNet access : *RSEP@nps.navy.smil.mil***

Aligned with CNO Guidance

- **CNO wants:**
  - A ***Better Educated***, Better Trained and Better Compensated, but Smaller Workforce in the Future
  - To ***Shape and Educate*** our force to win today's conflicts and operate tomorrow's fleet

"Our academic programs should be particularly relevant to the current readiness of the Navy. NPS has embarked on new programs…where our professors provide graduate level education experience to our Sailors deploying to the Western Pacific and Arabian Gulf."

RDML Dick Wells, President, NPS

RSEP PROGRAM ORGANIZATION

- Dean, School of International Graduate Studies (SIGS):
  LTG(Ret) Bob Ord
- Program Manager
  CDR Mark Huber
- Chairman, National Security Affairs:
  Dr. Doug Porch
- Fleet Program Director:
  RADM(Ret) Steve Loeffler

- CFFC, COMPACFLT, Numbered Fleets and NPS President provide oversight and direction

- **Our Goal:** Deliver RSEP with best strategic and regional expertise available drawing on NPS, DOD, State, CIA and other sources

RSEP Concept of Operations

1. CSG and ESG Commanders determine focus based on deployment regions and missions

2. CFFC, COMPACFLT, COMSECONDFLT, COMTHIRDFLT, COMFIFTHFLT, COMSIXTHFLT and COMSEVENTHFLT interject strategic objectives

3. RSEP Team delivers education during transit

4. Commanders provide post-deployment feedback

5. NPS improves process, content and delivery

TYPICAL RSEP TEAM

RADM (Ret) Steve Loeffler
Fleet Program Director, NPS

- US National Security and Defense Strategies
- Naval Engagement in SEAsia
- Role of Diplomacy in Military Ops
- PME and Continuum of Education

Dr. Ahmad Ghoreishi
Professor Emeritus, NPS

- Tenants of Islam in Middle East
- Iran and the Persian Gulf States
- Iran: Nuclear, Societal and Political Issues

Dr. Tuong Vu
Professor, NSA Department

- Afghanistan ~ Past, Present and Future
- Malay Muslims and Unrest in Thailand
- Indonesia: Politics and Society
- Vietnam: Politics and Society

Mr. Eric Heginbotham
RAND Senior Analyst

- China's Rise: Domestic & Economic Future
- Chinese Foreign and Security Policies
- The New Japan ~ Implications for the US
- Two Koreas ~ American Issues and Interests

- Cultural Awareness in the Asia-Pacific

Typical Day at Sea for RSEP

- Leadership Team at morning briefs
- Large Group presentations in Wardrooms, Ready Rooms, Mess Decks, etc.
- Small Group presentations for Staff, Ships, CPO Messes, etc.
- Evening Sessions after dinner
  - Leadership Team in Flag Mess

Maximizing Opportunities

- Focus RSEP on Officers and Senior Enlisted, but everyone is welcome
  - Special Focus on MIO Boat and Helo Crews
- Cultural Awareness for All Hands
  - On Ship TV with Call-Ins
- Helos deliver RSEP team members to other ships in the Strike Group
- RSEP Teams interact daily with crew

WHAT WE REQUEST OF PARTICIPATING FORCES

- **Dive into the RSEP lectures** Participate—ask questions!
- Film lectures to show to All Hands on SITE TV and **send to other SG units**
- Give us **feedback** to improve the program
- Use **NPS & RSEP websites, Bulletin Board and SIPRNet** to ask for additional regional security info

COMMENTS ABOUT RSEP FROM THE FLAG BRIDGE

- *"The RSEP gang did a wonderful job flexing to our needs and the response from the crews was very positive. From the leadership perspective, I think our group gained some invaluable insight to the history and the culture, and I can see it making a difference as we prepare plans for ops in the Gulf."*

  Rear Admiral Don Bullard, JFK Strike Group, July 2004

- *"We appreciated your RSEP visit and certainly did get a lot out of it. As a result of the cultural awareness briefs, Malaysia went great. We had zero liberty incidents and the visit went extremely well for engagement too!"*

  Rear Admiral Pete Daly, NIMITZ Strike Group, July 2005

COMMENTS ON RSEP FROM THE DECKPLATES

- *"Great perspective, I honestly believe that this exposure will benefit us in our upcoming deployment. I'm thankful as the CO that my wardroom got an opportunity to better understand the culture and political focus at play in the Middle East region."* ***CO, VF Squadron***

- *"The lectures are great…..help us appreciate the complexity of world dynamics and develop our various COA's to ensure mission success."* ***CO, LHD***

- *"Absolutely important for war-fighters to understand the geo-political current events of the concerned areas. Information is life."* ***LT, USS JOHN C STENNIS Airwing***

- *" After 25 years of service and 12 years commissioned service, these are the best deployment briefings and training I have ever had. Well done and thank you."* ***Major, 13th MEU(SOC)***

"We are quickly reaching the point where diplomacy and language skills are as important for military leaders as warfighting skills if we hope to achieve our strategic objectives for the 21st Century."

Dr. David Chu, Under Secretary of Defense for Manpower and Readiness

QUESTIONS